(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (d) Negotiations have been undergoing since November 2001 under the Doha Work Programme, including in the area of WTO Rules *inter alia* aimed at *clarifying* and *improving* disciplines under the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 (commonly known as Anti-Dumping Agreement), while preserving the basic concepts, principles and effectiveness of this Agreement and its instruments and objectives, and taking into account the needs of developing and least-developed participants.

The negotiations are being undertaken in the Negotiating Group on Rules set up by the Trade Negotiations Committee in 2002 and are aimed at *clarifying* and *improving* disciplines under the Anti-dumping Agreement. Negotiations are still ongoing.

(c) to (e) In the initial phase of the negotiations, participants indicated provisions, including disciplines on trade distorting practices, that they seek to clarify and improve in the subsequent phase. Many WTO members have submitted formal proposals seeking clarification and/or improving disciplines on different aspects of anti-dumping agreement in the Negotiating Group on Rules. However, a full clarity on possible outcome has yet to emerge. Our negotiating objectives and strategies have been developed based on analytical work and a process of dialogue with relevant stakeholders. India is actively engaged in the negotiations and in this regard has also submitted certain proposals to the Negotiating Group on Rules on different aspects of the Anti-Dumping Agreement. As negotiations intensify in the run up to next WTO Ministerial Conference in December 2005, India will remain actively engaged in these negotiations to ensure that its interests and concerns continue to be adequately addressed as negotiations proceed from one stage to the next. India seeks a balanced outcome in the Rules negotiations in line with the Doha mandate.

Auto component exports

2981. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) of the global auto component industry, which is likely to grow to about US $1.91 trillion by 2015, how India is going to contribute its exports to this;

(b) what is the present share of India in auto component exports to various parts of the world in terms of percentage from Low Cost Countries;

(c) whether it is a fact that the growth in 2004-2005 of India's auto ancillary sector is less than the year 2003-2004; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) According to estimates, by 2015, the global auto-component market would be US $ 1.7 trillion is size. Out of this total market, US $ 1 trillion would be made in the major automotive countries like USA, EU and Japan and US $ 700 billion would be amenable to outsourcing from low cost countries like India. According to Automotive Component Manufacturers Association, India has the potential of bagging upto US $ 20-25 billion business in global outsourcing. The current exports of auto-components from India are US $ 1.4 billion and the average growth rate over the last 2-3 years have been +30% on an annual basis.

(b) The world data on country-wise exports of auto-components is available upto the year 2003. According to the World Trade Statistics of WTO, the total global trade in auto-components in 2003 was US $ 723 billion. Out of this, the low cost countries account for about US $ 100 billion. In the year 2003, India's total exports of auto-components was US $ 760 million, accounting for 0.7% share of the auto-component trade of the low cost countries.

(c) and (d): No, Sir. The overall growth of the auto-component industry in 2004-05 was 29% as compared to 23% in 2003-04.

Restrictions on import of pepper

2982. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government restricted import of pepper through any specific port in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to impose restriction on the import of pepper through Cochin port alone;